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Frederick's Contentment
McKaig Area

Circa 1790

Frederick's Contentment, a two and a half stone frame structure, was built in two separate sections, the stone structure being the original of the two. The principal facade of the stone wing is three bays wide. The main entrance, a six panelled wooden door, occupies the first bay. Original 6/6 windows framed by wooden louvered shutters occupy the remaining bays. A three bay entrance porch spans the facade of the stone wing. The porch is supported by plain wooden columns and covered by a standing seam tin roof. Beneath the roof is a wooden boxed cornice with dentil trim.

The north wing covered by German or novelty siding, is two bays wide occupied by original 2/2 windows framed by wooden louvered shutters. Both the north and south wings rest on a stone rubble foundation. The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof, beneath which is found a boxed cornice with return.

Frederick's Contentment is significant as an example of early rural German architecture by one of the early German settlers of the Frederick County area.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Frederick's Contentment

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Boyer's Mill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

McKaig

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 69/ P 17

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr and Mrs. Albert Miller, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Woodville Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Airy

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21771

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 729

Folio #: 308

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frederick's Contentment, a two and a half story frame and stone structure, faces west from the east side of Boyer's Mill Road. The home was built in two separate sections, with the frame north wing added at a later date.

The principal facade of the stone wing is three bays wide. The main entrance is located in the first bay. It consists of a six panelled wooden door with replaced hardware. An entrance is located on the inside section of the north wing. The four panelled wooden door features original hardware. The remaining bays of the stone structure are occupied by six over six original windows framed by wooden louvered shutters.

The south wing is constructed of stone covered by stucco. The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof. Beneath the roof is an original boxed cornice with return. Two slightly corbeled brick chimneys rise from the structure; on the south end of the stone structure and the interior of the frame addition.

A three bay entrance porch spans the facade of the stone wing. The porch is supported by three unadorned columns with plain capitals. The porch is covered by a standing seam tin roof. Beneath the roof is a boxed cornice with dentil trim.

The north wing is constructed of wood covered by German or novelty siding. The wing is two bays wide with 2/2 windows occupying both bays. The windows are framed by original wooden louvered shutters. Two small 2/2 windows are found in the front gable beneath the standing seam tin roof and wooden boxed cornice with return. Both the north and south wings rest on a stone rubble foundation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	Circa 1790	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Frederick Sheetenhelm
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Frederick's Contentment, a two and a half story frame and stone structure, was built by Frederick Sheetenhelm from land acquired from Sebastian Derr in 1790.¹ Frederick Sheetenhelm, a recent German immigrant, acquired one hundred acres at the time and surveyed the land in 1790 calling it Frederick's Contentment. A home was built shortly thereafter.

The land remained in the Sheetenhelm family until 1884, when an heir of Reuban Sheetenhelm, the grandson of Frederick Sheetenhelm, sold the property to Robert Lease.² The property has passed through a number of owners to the present day.

Frederick's Contentment is a significant structure in the history of the McKaig area. As part of the land tract Frederick's Contentment, the house is an example of early rural architecture by Frederick County's German settlers. A section of the original one hundred acres remains today in the possession of the Sheetenhelm family.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber Folio

²Ibid., Liber A.F. 7; Folio 750.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frederick County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

clh

NAME / TITLE

Deborah Sheetenhelm, Intern

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

1/14/80

STREET & NUMBER

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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FREDERICKS CASTLE

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Friedrich's
Contentment
e/3 Boyer's Mill
Rd.
Southwest elevation
DES 8/10/79



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Frederick's
Contextment
cf Boyer's
Mill Rd.
northwest elev.
DES 8/10/79



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Fredrick's

Contentment

west elevation

Detail porch

DES 8/10/74